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QUOTE
GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESS IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY.
DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY TO MEET THE THREAT TO THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF INDIA BY INTERNAL DISTURBANCE WILL POINT TO THE NEED FOR EXTREME CAUTION AND CIRCUMSPECTION IN THE HANDLING AND PURVEYING OF NEWS AND COMMENTS. THE PRESS REQUIRES TO BE ADVISE TO GUARD AGAINST PUBLICATION OF UNAUTHORISED, IRRES-PONSIBLE OR DEMORALISING NEWS ITEMS, CONJECTURES AND RUMOURS AND YET THE PRESS SHOULD BE ENABLED TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO THE PUBLIC. ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AIDS TO THE GOVERNME T AND THE PEOPLE IN AN EMERGENCY IS THE PRESS. IN THE MANNER IN WHICH INFORMATION IS PRINTED, PUBLISHED AND DISSEMINATED THERE CAN BE AN ACCRETION OF ENORP KHQSTRENGTH TO THOSE WHO ARE POSING A THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY.

IN AN EMERGENCY DECLARED TO MEET AN INTERNAL THREAT, THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT IS MAINLY WITH THE MISGUIDED AND SUBCERSIVE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY WHICH BY THEIR ACTS MAY TRY TO PRE-JUDICE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE NATION. IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY IN WHICH CITIZENS ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE NATION. THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT SO MUCH TO RELY IN EVERY CASE ON THE WIDE AND EXTRAORDINARY POWERS CONFERRED ON IT, BUT AS FAR AS MAYNOE ENLIST THE VOLUNTARY COOPERATION OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION IN MAINTAINING AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO THE FULFILMENT OF THE PRIMARY TASK OF RIDDING THE NATION OF THE CAUSES OF EMERGENCY.

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7. ANY ATTEMPT AT DENIGRATING THE INSTITUTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

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9. ANY ATTEMPT TO THREATEN INTERNAL STABILITY, PRODUCTION AND PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT.

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